

**STATE FAIR OF TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH  
SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS  
Effective: May 2008**

The following summary is a condensed version of the Texas Animal Health Commission regulations. The regulations will supersede this summary if there is a dispute between the two. **FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact the Texas Animal Health Commission by calling (512)719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800)550-8242, or by writing the TAHC, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966.**

The State Fair of Texas® Youth Livestock Shows are restricted to intrastate entries. The Pan-American Livestock Exposition® are open, interstate shows, accepting entries of livestock and poultry from within Texas, other states, and other countries.

**Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** The certificate must indicate that the accredited veterinarian found the animals or fowl to be free of symptoms or evidence of communicable disease and that all tests, immunizations or treatments required by the Commission were completed. For certain diseases, a specific statement may be required indicating disease free status. The certificate is required to accompany animals and fowl entering the State of Texas and Fair Park as stated in the following summary of entry requirements.

**THE CERTIFICATE IS VALID FOR 45 DAYS FOR EQUINE AND 30 DAYS FOR ALL OTHER SPECIES.**

**Prior Entry Permit** Entry permits are required as noted in the following summary of entry requirements. Permits may be obtained by calling (512)719-0777 (24 hours) or 1(800)550-8242, or by writing TAHC, P. O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966.

**The permit for entry is not required when livestock, poultry and ratites enter for the exhibition and return to the state of origin.**

**CATTLE (BEEF & DAIRY)**

**Texas Origin Breeding Cattle**

**(not including Youth Market and Prospect Steers)**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. All dairy cattle must be identified with official ID and recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

**Out-of-State Origin Cattle**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Breeding Cattle.
2. Negative tuberculosis (TB) test within 60 days for all sexually intact dairy cattle that are 2 months of age or older or originate from an accredited tuberculosis free herd. In addition, all sexually intact dairy cattle originating from a state or area with anything less than a tuberculosis free state status shall be tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the appropriate requirements for states or areas for that status, prior to entry with results of the test recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
3. **Negative brucellosis test** within 30 (thirty) days for cattle that are parturient or post parturient or that are 18 months of age or older from noncertified free herds in Class "A" and "B" areas or are selling at a special sale.
4. **The Permit for Entry** is not required when cattle enter for exhibition and return to the state of origin.

**Youth Market and Prospect Steers**

1. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current, within 30 (thirty) days.

**EQUINE**

**Texas Origin Equine & Out of State Origin Equine**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, issued within 45 (forty-five) days or a valid equine interstate passport or equine identification card current, issued within 6 (six) months.
2. **Negative equine infectious anemia (EIA) test** (also known as "Coggin's Test") within 12 (twelve) months. In state origin equine: foals, under eight months of age, nursing a negative dam are exempt from testing. Test document must be in hand or test results and related information must be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

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**GOATS**

**Texas Origin Goats & Out of State Origin Goats  
(not including Youth Market Goats)**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Texas - All sexually intact exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers.
3. Out of State – All exhibition goats must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry, except registered goats with a registration tattoo and accompanied by registration papers.

**Youth Market Goats**

1. Youth Market Goats are **NOT** required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**LLAMAS**

Refer to Exotic Livestock and Ratites (Camelidae)

**POULTRY**

**Texas Origin Poultry  
(not including Youth Market Broilers)**

1. **Negative pullorum-typhoid test** within 30 (thirty) days or from flocks that meet either the Texas Pullorum-Typhoid Program or the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPPI).
2. Poultry must originate from areas where reportable avian diseases are not known to have been active within the last 30 (thirty) days.

**Out of State Origin Poultry**

1. NO OUT OF STATE POULTRY ENTRIES PERMITTED.

**Youth Market Broilers**

1. Must originate from Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms, Inc., Cameron, TX.

**SHEEP**

**Texas Origin Sheep  
(not including Youth Market Lambs)**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** issued within 30 (thirty) days.
2. All sexually intact exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry.

**Out of State Origin Sheep**

1. Must meet the same requirements as for Texas Origin Sheep.
2. All exhibition sheep must be officially identified with a Scrapie Eradication Program eartag prior to entry.
3. **Negative ELISA brucella ovis test** within 30 (thirty) days for all breeding rams 6 months of age or older. Each ram shall be individually identified with an individual eartag or registration tattoo. This number, along with the test results and name of the approved laboratory and date of test, shall be entered on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

**Youth Market Lambs**

1. Youth Market Lambs are **NOT** required to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.

**SWINE**

**Texas Origin Swine  
(not including Youth Market Swine)**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days listing identification and including a statement that they have not been fed garbage, have not been exposed to hog cholera or pseudorabies and have not been vaccinated for pseudorabies.
2. **Negative swine brucellosis test** within 30 (thirty) days for all breeding swine six months of age and older. Exemption for swine from a validated brucellosis-free herd; validation number must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection.
3. **Leptospirosis vaccination** is required on breeding swine within 30 (thirty) days with Leptospirosis vaccine containing the following strains: Bratislava, Canicola, Hardjo, Icterohaemorrhagiae, Grippotyphosa, Pomona.

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**Out of State Origin Swine**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Swine.

**Youth Market Swine**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** is desirable, but not required for this terminal show. All youth market swine entering the grounds must be in good health and disease free.

**EXOTIC LIVESTOCK AND RATITES**

Exotic Livestock are defined as grass-eating or plant-eating, single hooved or cloven-hooved mammals that are not indigenous to this state and are known as ungulates, including animals from the swine, horse, tapir, camel, llama, rhinoceros, elephant, deer, and antelope families.

**Camelidae** are defined as members of the family of animals which include camel, llamas, and vicunas. The domestic members of the genus lama include the llama, alpaca, and guanaco.

**Ratites** are defined as exotic fowl with a flat breast-bone and small or nonexistent wings, such as ostriches, emu, rheas, and kiwi.

**Exotic bovidae** are defined as non-indigenous members of the family of animals which includes water buffalo, gnu (wildebeest), addax, antelope and nilgai (among others).

**Exotic cervidae** are defined as non-indigenous members of the family of animals which includes deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer and the sub-family musk deer.

**Texas Origin Camelidae**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Negative brucellosis test** within six (6) months for all camelidae, 18 months of age and older. All neutered camelidae are exempt from the brucellosis test requirements.
3. **Negative tuberculosis (TB) test** within six (6) months for all camelidae 18 months of age and older.

**Texas Origin Ratites**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. Individually identified with an implanted electronic device (microchip), **tag or band**. The identification will be shown on the certificate of veterinary inspection along with the location and name brand of the implanted electronic device. If an animal has more than one implanted microchip, then the location, microchip number, and name brand of each will be documented on the certificate of veterinary inspection; and
3. Tested and found to be serologically negative for Avian Influenza and Salmonella pullorum-typhoid from a sample collected within 30 days of entry. Birds or hatching eggs must originate from flocks that show no evidence of infectious disease and have no history of Avian Influenza in the past six months.

**Texas Origin Exotic Bovidae**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Negative brucellosis test** within the past 30 (thirty) days.
3. **Negative tuberculosis test** within the past 60 (sixty) days.

**Texas Origin Exotic Cervidae**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Negative brucellosis test** within the past 30 (thirty) days.
3. **TWO Negative tuberculosis tests** conducted no less than 90 (ninety) days apart the second test must be conducted within 90 (ninety) days prior to the date of movement; and the animals must be isolated from all other members of the herd during the testing period, or;
  - A. Originate from an accredited free herd, or;
  - B. Originated from a qualified herd and have a classified negative 90 (ninety) day tuberculosis test. If the qualifying herd test was administered within 90 (ninety) days of movement, the animal(s) do not require an additional test, or;
  - C. Originate from a monitored herd and have a classified negative 90 (ninety) day tuberculosis test, or;
  - D. Be less than 12 (twelve) months of age, originate and were born in accredited, qualified, or monitored herds and have not been exposed to cervids from a lower status.

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**Texas Origin Exotic Swine**

1. **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection** current, within 30 (thirty) days.
2. **Negative brucellosis test** within the past 30 (thirty) days **or originate from a validated free herd.**
3. **Negative pseudorabies test** within the past 30 (thirty) days **or originate from a qualified free herd.**

**Out of State Origin Exotic Livestock and Ratites**

1. Must meet the same requirements as Texas Origin Exotic Livestock and Ratites.

**DOGS**

DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE FAIR GROUNDS because of safety and public health regulations. This rule will be strictly enforced and applies to exhibitors and their employees, as well as to State Fair visitors. This rule does not apply to official dog entries in a sanctioned State Fair of Texas competitive and/or entertainment event or to guide dogs for those with sight impairment.

A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection current within 30 days is required to accompany all dogs eligible to enter Fair Park. Certificate must state that the dog has had a rabies vaccination within 1 year.